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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS

Thursday, December 6, 2016

9:00 a.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Nesbitt, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin and Hoadley.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Representative Kesto moved to adopt the minutes from the Thursday, December 1, 2016, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons laid HB 5723 and HB 5724 before the committee:

HB 5723 (Vaupel) Elections; ballots; requirement of political party vignettes being printed on election ballots; remove.

HB 5724 (Canfield) Elections; ballots; reference to party vignette in the Michigan campaign finance act; remove.

Cindy Denby, representing Representative Vaupel's office, testified in support of HB 5723 and HB 5724.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State submitted a testimony card in support of HB 5723 and HB 5724, but did not wish to speak.

Chair Lyons laid the committee at ease, the time being 9:39 a.m.

Chair Lyons called the committee back to order, the time being 9:48 a.m.

Chair Lyons laid HB 6097 before the committee:

HB 6097 (Lyons) Elections; recounts; recount fee; increase to 100% of estimated cost of recount if vote differentials are more than a specific percentage.

Chair Lyons introduced the bill to the committee.

Representative Jacobsen moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6097.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Nesbitt, Jacobsen, Kesto, Driskell, Irwin.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Mike Batterbee, representing the Michigan Secretary of State, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 6097, as substitute (H-1), but did not wish to speak.

Representative Driskell offered and moved to adopt the following amendments to HB 6097 (H-1):

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after “(2)” by striking out “**FOR**” and inserting “**SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (9), FOR**”.
2. Amend page 4, following line 10, by inserting:
“**(9) SUBSECTION (2) DOES NOT APPLY TO A PETITIONER IF THE WINNING CANDIDATE HAS A PAID STAFFER WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ELECTION FRAUD UNDER THIS ACT.**”.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 3-5-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: Reps. Lyons, Leutheuser, Nesbitt, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Pass: None.

Representative Irwin offered and moved to adopt the following amendment to HB 6097 (H-1):

1. Amend page 4, line 11, by striking out all enacting section 1 and inserting:
“Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1, 2017.”.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 3-5-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Driskell, Irwin, Hoadley.

Nays: Reps. Lyons, Leutheuser, Nesbitt, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Pass: None.

Representative Jacobson moved to report HB 6097, as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-2-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Lyons, Leutheuser, Nesbitt, Jacobsen, Kesto.

Nays: Reps. Irwin, Hoadley.

Pass: Rep. Driskell.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair
House Standing Committee on Elections
Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk